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For Immediate Release...

Lower COVID-19 positivity rates in Worcester County result in a re-opening of Town buildings and meetings to the public

Berlin, Md. – Effective immediately, Town buildings and meetings will re-open to the public. Mayor Zack Tyndall announced that since State and County COVID-19 positivity rates have remained below 5.00% for seven consecutive days, the Town of Berlin will begin allowing members of the public to enter Town buildings.

Those attending in-person public meetings will be required to wear face coverings and to maintain appropriate social distancing. Limited in-person attendance at meetings will be allowed, with up to 16 seats available to presenters, members of the public, and the press, in addition to Town officials and staff. Doors will be open 15 minutes before the designated start time of the meeting, and seating will be first-come, first-served. At the start of the meeting, or when capacity has been reached, the doors will be locked to entry from the outside.

Public meetings will continue to be streamed live on Facebook, and public comment will be taken from those in attendance, followed by written questions or comments submitted before Noon on the day of the meeting. “We will continue to monitor the State and County positivity rates to help keep our staff safe and ensure the continuity of government services,” said Mayor Zack Tyndall.

Masks are required by members of the public entering Town buildings and everyone that attends in-person public meetings. We also ask that everyone follow the CDC and Maryland Department of Health recommendations for social distancing and regular hand washing.

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